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1. On 24 September 1953, the barracks installation at Shaft No 60, southwest of Eibenstocker Strasse, Johann-Georgenstadt, was partially occupied by about 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 11 and 24 September, about 400 troops, as previously, daily engage in physical training, drill, training in firing and guard duty. A total of 20 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets and including 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors were also observed.

2. On 24 September, the barracks installation west of the townhall was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. During the period under review, a total of about 700 troops were seen at drill, training in firing and guard duty; and numerous trucks, including some occupied to capacity, were seen entering and leaving the installation. About 60 officers wearing red-bordered golden and red-bordered silver epaulets and including 2 colonels and 6 majors were also observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen in the barracks area.

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3. On 24 September, the former Fox furniture factory at the intersection of Karl Marx Strasse and Lindenstrasse was partially occupied by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. During the period under review, about 200 troops were seen at drill, training in firing, guard duty and physical training. A total of 15 officers including 1 major were observed.

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4. On 24 September, the former Wendler Factory on the extension of Lindenstrasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops, including about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and, a few, green-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, construction engineer, signal, medical corps and, a few, tank insignia. During the period under review, about 600 troops were seen at drill, training in firing, guard duty and physical training. A total of about 70 officers, including 1 colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels and 6 majors wearing red-bordered golden epaulets, were observed. Numerous trucks and buses [redacted] were seen en route to and from the installation.

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5. On 9 September, the former Kutschner Factory, southeast of the Schwarzenberg railroad station was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 8 and 9 September, about 700 troops were seen at drill, training in firing and guard duty. A total of 30 officers, including 3 colonels, 2 lieutenant colonels and 10 majors, were observed.

- [REDACTED]
6. On 30 September, Restricted Area I, Auerbach, was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops, including about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the others wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, artillery, construction engineer and medical corps insignia. Between 16 and 30 September, training, including drill, training in firing, guard duty and advanced combat practices at platoon level in the wood patch behind the installation, was observed as previously. At about noon on 20 September, about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 officers, including 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors and preceded by a military band, were seen entering the installation. The troops apparently returned from a [REDACTED] event.
7. On 30 September, Restricted Area II was occupied to capacity by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. During the period under review, about 700 troops were seen at drill, training in firing, guard duty and physical training. The troops included about 70 officers, including 1 colonel and 2 majors.

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10. On 29 September, the Neue Kaserne, north of the Aue-Schwarzenberg railroad line, was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops, including about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the others wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport, construction engineer, signal and medical corps insignia. Prior to 29 September, training activity was conducted as previously. About 500 troops and about 60 officers, wearing red-bordered golden and red-bordered silver epaulets and including 1 colonel and 4 majors, engaged in drill and training in firing. Numerous trucks and buses, which were occupied to capacity and had been seen en route to and from the installation.

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11. On 17 September, [redacted] the barracks installation on Lenin Strasse, Annaberg, was not occupied by Soviet troops, but by civilians.¹

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12. On 17 September, the former high school for boys northwest of Voigt Strasse, Annaberg, was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.²

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13. On 17 September, the former Mehnert Factory at the eastern border of Annaberg, just south of the upper railroad station, was occupied by about 800 troops, including about 525 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the others wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, motor transport, construction engineer, medical corps and signal insignia. On 16 and 17 September, about 300 troops were seen at guard duty as previously. About 30 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets and red-bordered silver epaulets, and including 1 lieutenant colonel and 2 majors, were also observed. Exclusively vehicles [redacted]

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14. On 17 September, the barracks installation between Voigt Strasse and Kleinmuerckerwalder Strasse was not occupied by Soviet troops but by civilians.

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15. On 17 September, a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed at the motor pool at Jungfernsiedlung, north of the upper railroad station. [redacted] guard details en route from and to the Mehnert Factory.

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16. On 14 October, the former Kuhlscher Factory, Schwarzenberg, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including about 100 officers, including 4 majors. Many soldiers with new uniforms were observed after 1 October. On 7 October, about 100 troops engaged in drill and physical training in the barracks area. Between 7 and 14 October, about 100 troops almost daily left for the Waschleithe training area, for field training and training in firing.

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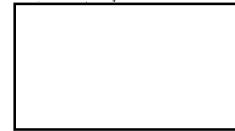
17. On 14 October, the former factory in Daisfeld was occupied by about 800 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including about 20 troops with construction engineer insignia. The troops were employed in underground work in the shafts. Buses of the Cross-Garage (garage) hauled the troops to Shafts Nos 98, 206, 235, 248, 257, 275, 306, 332 in the Gruenstrick-Erla-Antonsthal area. The order, according to which buses had to be made available, was signed as previously by Lieutenant Colonel Mikhailov.

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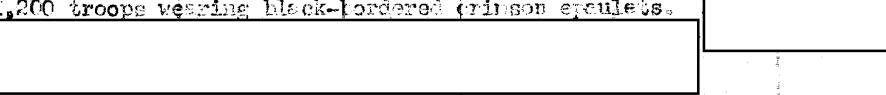
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18. On 14 October, the section east of the Jaschau-Pohlau road of the barracks installation south of Jaschau was still vacant, while the buildings west of the road were occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and including about 20 officers. The unit was employed in guard duty at shafts Nos 257 and 278 near Gruenstadt-Jaschau. Dogs were seen with the soldiers.
19. On 14 October, source determined that 5 x 37-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement at Lehnberg. The radio station about 250 meters northwest of the emplacement was occupied by about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Two radio cars, including 1 with directional antenna, were observed at the radio station, in addition to the 2 radio cars, including 1 with directional antenna, previously seen there. On 9 October, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were cleaning guns and engaged in service of the piece drill. Twenty-five troops received theoretical instruction in the radio station.
20. On 13 October, source observed 4 x 105-mm AA guns and 1 x 37-mm AA gun in the AAA emplacement northeast of Aue. The caliber of the heavy AA guns was mentioned by a Soviet NCO. On 3 October, three soldiers with a range finder were seen in the emplacement.
21. On 13 October, the Kleine Kaserne, the former August Wellner factory, in Aue, southwest of the Aue-Schneckenberg road, was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets.

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22. [REDACTED] the Hochhaus, 100 meters southeast of the Kleine Kaserne, on 13 October, was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Source did not observe any training activity.

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23. On 13 October, the Neue Kaserne, the former Hecker factory, east of Aue between Rudolf Breitscheid Strasse and the railroad line, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. The troops were employed in the shafts.

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24. On 13 October, the installation at Pecherjut was occupied by about 200 troops [REDACTED]. The installation consisted of a three-story brick building with an improved garret story, about 60 meters long.⁵

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25. On 10 October, [REDACTED] the AAA emplacement on Dimitroff Strasse, Johann-Seegenstadt, was occupied by 7 x 37-mm AA guns and 3 three-axle trucks. On 27 September, about 18 soldiers practiced aiming at miniature aircraft with 3 guns. On 10 October, about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were cleaning guns.



26. On 10 October, the Neue Kaserne between Dimitroff Strasse and Eibenstock Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Ranking officer was one Major Kirikov (phonetic spelling). The troops were employed in the shafts as drivers of tippers and ore vehicles. On 10 October, about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying fuel field pack practiced at an obstacle course.

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27. On 10 October, the barracks installation at Shaft No 60, south of Eibenstock Strasse, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in the installations of shaft No 60.
28. On 10 October, the barracks installation west of the townhall was occupied by about 450 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 22 September, about 120 troops left the installation at the time when the afternoon shift started. On 10 October, about 60 troops were lined up in the barracks yard.

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29. On 10 October, the former Box furniture factory at the intersection of Lindenstrasse and Karl Marx Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED] the troops stationed in this installation were employed at Shaft No 54 "Weisse Taube" (white dove). On 22 September, about 50 troops were drilling in the barracks yard and about 40 troops left the installation at the beginning of the afternoon shift.

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30. [REDACTED] on 10 October, the former Wandler factory, also referred to as Heinz factory, on the extension of Lindenstrasse, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered black and black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 22 September, about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets drilled in the barracks yard. On 10 October, about 120 troops, who carried towels, left the installation toward the town.¹

31. On 10 October, the installation at shaft No 126 in the Hammerwald forest was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops, along with dogs, were employed in guard duty at shaft No 126. In the night of 10 October, about 60 troops with full field equipment left the installation and marched to Shaft No 336, where they were seen in a simulated attack against the installations of the shaft.

32. On 10 October, the Pachtthus cantonment was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] the units stationed there were employed at the shafts.¹

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33. On 10 October, the installation southeast of Kuehliggut, on Schwerzenberger Strasse, was vacant. Civilian workers were reconditioning the interior of the barracks buildings.

34. On 14 October, the barracks installation in Breitenbrunn was occupied by about 350 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with construction engineer insignia; about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Between 8 and 14 October, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets were exchanged between Breitenbrunn and Beierfeld, with the exchanged unit having the designation OTK (phonetic spelling). The troops stationed in the installation in Breitenbrunn were employed in underground work and in guard duty at Shafts Nos 87, 126, 164, 252, 336, 346. On 8 October, about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets engaged in firing with carbines and heavy machine guns at the firing range near shaft No 204 on Nebenberg. On 14 October, about 60 troops engaged in physical training near the installation.

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35. On 14 October, the barracks installation southwest of Crondorf was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at shafts Nos 206 and 206 north of Hittersgrub.

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36. [REDACTED] On 14 October, the barracks installation in Antenthal was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops, with dogs, were employed in guard duty at shafts Nos 98 and 235, north of Antenthal.

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37. On 14 October, the barracks installation at Antonshoche [REDACTED] was occupied by about 140 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; the troops were employed in guard duty at Shaft No 248.

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38. [REDACTED] the barracks installation on Tafelberg was occupied by about 150 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The troops were employed in guard duty at shafts Nos 336 and 346. On 10 October, the troops held a night practice, including the defence of Shaft No 336. The attack involved troops stationed in the barracks installation at Shaft No 126.

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39. On 14 October, [REDACTED] 5 x 37-mm AA guns in the AAA emplacement near Steinheldel.

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40. [REDACTED] On 6 October, the installation west of the Aue-Niederschlema railroad line was occupied by at least 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including several uniformed women. The quarters were fully lighted after nightfall. Five trucks and 3 sedans were seen in the quartering area. The troops were employed in guard duty and in the shafts. On 29 September, about 40 troops not engaged in any special duty were seen in the barracks yard and about 50 troops engaged in physical training.

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41. [REDACTED] On 6 October, the installation south of the Aue-Oberschlema road was occupied as previously by about 240 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 8 to 10 dogs. Six trucks, 2 sedans and 1 jeep were seen in the quartering area. At about 6:10 p.m. on 30 September, about 60 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with rifles and submachine guns and escorted by 4 dogs, left the installation for guard duty.

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42. On 24 September, the barracks installation near the post office in Niederschlema was occupied by about 120 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and by 8 dogs.

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[REDACTED] the vehicles of the unit were stationed in the kleine Kaserne in Aue. On 23 September, about 60 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, armed with rifles and carrying light field pack and gasmasks left the installation, probably for an infantry advanced combat practice. The troops returned at about noon. Truck [REDACTED] was seen in the barracks yard. No other vehicles were observed.

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On 17 October, the former Mehnert factory, Annaberg, was occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] one Uktashov (phonetical spelling) was commanding officer. In the morning of 13 October, 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and several officers, including a Lieutenant colonel were throwing hand grenades at the Poehlberg firing range, and engaged in a simulated attack in the trench positions near Poehlberg.

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On 17 October, the barracks installation at Annaberg-Frohnau was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 25 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were firing at the firing range and an undetermined number of troops were washing trucks in the barracks area. Between 13 and 17 October [redacted]

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On 17 October, the installation near Laerenstein was occupied by about 900 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 16 October, about 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in an exercise in the area west of the installation and extending as far as the Rothensehma-Chanschil road. On 13 October, 2 officers from the installation in Laerenstein destroyed the barriers on the border bridge in spite of protests of Czech border troops. VPs dispersed the crowd which had gathered there.

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[redacted] current. The installations and AM emplacements were occupied as previously.

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[redacted] Comment. It is undetermined whether the former high school for boys in Annaberg was occupied or vacant.

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[redacted] Comment. The Mehnert Kaserne has continually been reported occupied by an MVD unit of about 1,000 troops until October 1952. In December 1952, this unit allegedly transferred to Chemnitz. However, the unit has not been confirmed there. In January 1953, the fatigue unit previously stationed in the former high school for boys allegedly transferred to the Mehnert Kaserne.

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[redacted] Comment. The installation is occupied as previously.

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[redacted] Comment. The installation is mentioned for the first time as military quarter. It may be a technical installation.

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[redacted] The installation is located near KM 11 NO 323.0, south of the railroad line to Schwarzenberg and the Wieder-Farnerstiel factories.

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[redacted] Comment. A permanent occupation by MVD of this shaft has been reported. [redacted] The installation [redacted] is located near KM 11 NO 323.0, 1,000 meters east of the Johannsorgengenstadt railroad station.

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7. Comment. It is located 1 kilometer north of Johann-Georgenstadt, west of the road to Schwarzenberg, between hills Nos 703.4 and 724.5 and is identical with the installation at the intersection of Dimitroffstrasse and Schwarzenberger Strasse 25X1

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It extended northeastward from Fastenberg on the Johanngeorgenstadt-Eibenstock road, joining the Johanngeorgenstadt-Schwarzenberg road near Felshaus. 25X1

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9. Comment. This installation is unknown. 25X1

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11. Comment. This heavy occupation of the installation is reported for the first time. An NVD unit of company strength has been carried in this installation.

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